

The Commonwealth.

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WHY NOT?

THE COMMONWEALTH regards it as something rather strange that the people of Scotland Neck have taken no collection or raised money in any way for the benefit of the Jacksonville sufferers.

Scotland Neck is usually liberal in every worthy cause, and it does seem that to help our Jacksonville friends would be adding a worthy cause indeed. Many other places are helping them. Why can't we?

TREASURER JOHNSON'S REPORT.

Elsewhere may be seen the report of Dr. R. M. Johnson, town treasurer of Scotland Neck, showing the collections and disbursements of the town's funds for the past twelve months.

THE COMMONWEALTH submits that it is a most remarkable showing. As will be seen by studying the report a little, the commissioners commenced operations when they came into power a year ago with \$16.63. They have paid a debt of the town then due of \$311.70, purchased streets to the amount of \$80, paid on 1899 accounts \$35.63, borne expenses of a new town charter of \$41.20, purchased a new town cemetery at expense of \$200, and have \$295.76 in the treasury.

To be accurate, the commissioners have paid out \$668.53 more than the actual expenses of running the town and have a good balance—\$295.76—left over.

THE COMMONWEALTH speaks for itself, and freely expresses gratification at the wise and economical management of our board of commissioners, and believes every reasonable citizen of the town will join in the feeling. And we are glad that the interests of the town are to be in the hands of these same gentlemen—for the present board is the old board except Mr. Andrews in the place of Mr. Wals-ton—for two years instead of one, for the amended town charter makes the term of these offices two years now.

With the quick step of progress that has prevailed here for the past year or two Scotland Neck, under the management of these gentlemen, ought to make long strides before the municipal election in 1903.

One word of suggestion to our esteemed commissioners: Look well to the sanitary condition of the town, especially through the summer and fall seasons. A little neglect at a critical time could work great harm—yes result in much sickness and death. This we believe our wise commissioners will not neglect.

WINTERVILLE NEWS.

Correspondence to The Commonwealth.

WINTERVILLE, N. C., May 21, 1901.
Orders for wire fencing are constantly coming in and the factory for the last few months has had a hard time meeting the demand.

Barnes Summerville, who has been confined to his room with rheumatism, was able to be out on the streets last week.

Mrs. J. A. Manning went to Greenville last Thursday.

B. F. Manning and W. B. Nobles attended the Masonic meeting at Ayden on the 16th.

J. E. Green, ag't sells the best truck barrel on the market. Prices guaranteed.

Miss Lucy Galloway, who has been quite unwell for a few days, we are pleased to learn, is very much improved.

W. S. Fleming and little daughter, Gladys of near Greenville, spent Thursday night here visiting his daughters, who are pupils in the Winterville High School.

Mrs. Jutry Dail, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. Fannie Nichols, has returned home.

Mrs. Laura Overton, of near Stokes, is on a visit to Mrs. B. A. Highsmith.

With Northington, our colored barber, has had the chicken-pox so badly he was unable to attend to his patrons. He is well now and says he will be pleased to have them continue their patronage.

COMING.

A. K. HAWKES, the famous Atlanta Optician, direct from the home office of this great Optical House, or one of his practical Opticians, will remain at the store of his agent, E. T. Whitehead & Co., for four days only, beginning May 31st. This will give the citizens of Scotland Neck and vicinity a rare opportunity of having their eyesight tested FREE by one of the most renowned as well as reliable Opticians in the United States.

A DAY OFF.

TRIP TO ROBESON AND BLADEN.

Great Counties and Good People.

Robeson and Bladen are both large counties in point of territory, as well as in the character of their people. It was a pleasure to the editor of THE COMMONWEALTH to spend a day and night with the good people of these counties last week.

BLADENBORO HIGH SCHOOL.

It was our pleasure also to be present a few hours on Wednesday at the commencement exercises of Bladenboro High School, which has been wisely and successfully managed for four years by Prof. M. Shepherd, a young man of sterling worth and enthusiastic in his work.

Graduating from Wake Forest College in 1897, he at once entered upon the work of building a school at Bladenboro. He carefully surveyed the territory and saw possibilities of a fine school there.

Starting out alone, himself the only teacher, Prof. Shepherd's enrollment at the first was only 26. The school at once commended itself to the community and has steadily grown, the enrollment this year being 93. At first he had no music in the school and no teacher besides himself. Now he has as his assistant Miss Eliza Singletary, of Bladenboro, and Miss Maggie Turner, of Wake Forest, as music teacher. The untiring energies of Prof. Shepherd with the charms and refinement of his assistant and music teacher, have placed the school high in the esteem of the entire community, covering a part of both the counties of Bladen and Robeson.

The school building is fairly commodious and well equipped. A library and reading room have been added this year and the appointments of the school are first-class in every particular. Besides being principal of the school Prof. Shepherd is superintendent of public instruction for Robeson county, and makes a popular and efficient officer.

The commencement exercises last week consisted of a concert on Tuesday night, which was well attended, despite a rain storm at the opening hour; a few remarks by the writer on Wednesday followed by a good programme of songs, instrumental music, recitations and declamations by the pupils. The bearing of the pupils in their recitations and declamations, and the rendition of all their songs and music were evidence of good training and of efficiency on the part of their instructors.

At the dinner hour the great crowd was invited to a long table in the grove—almost breaking down with good things—and with a hearty welcome all were bidden to partake of what was before them.

And such a dinner! Well, all were fed with good things of every description and there was much still untouched.

Bladenboro is a village on the Carolina Central railroad with a fine surrounding country, and with its excellent school, of which the entire community is justly proud, it ought to take on new life and experience a step in progress that it has not known before.

GOOD OLD LUMBERTON.

We spent two nights in the good old town of Lumberton. Though it is old in years, which is a great blessing to all who live there now or go on transients because of its fine shades, the town is young in the strong throbs of business and the quick step of progress. It is beautiful for location, on the bank of the Lumber river, which flows just lazily enough to make it restful to stand on the fine bridge that spans it and look upon its placid bosom as it invites to a pleasurable boat-ride.

A fine school in Robeson Institute, good churches, two good newspapers and up-to-date business enterprises, make it a desirable place to live, in point of intellectual, moral and financial advantage. But the people of Lumberton seem proudest of their fine system of water works and the most excellent water which they have in abundance from their over-flow, or artesian, wells.

The town is built on a good elevation leading up from the eastern bank of Lumber river, and there are several of these fine wells along the declivity and in the slight depression along the other side of the town from the river.

The water is delightful, light, fresh and cool, and flows unceasingly. The health of the town has improved greatly since the water was secured five years ago, and men there who were formerly lank and lean are now round and handsome.

The people of Lumberton are progressive, take a pride in the advantages of their town, such as their good school, water works, their artesian wells, churches and the absence of bar-rooms. There is not a bar-room in the county and has not been one in Lumberton in a dozen years. The people of Robeson county just will not allow whiskey selling at all.

A new cotton factory is being built which will cost \$100,000, and in which the people take much interest.

All told, we have not had a more pleasant outing from the ground.

office and desk work in many a day than we experienced with the good people of Robeson and Bladen last week.

NOTES AND OBSERVATIONS.

One of the chief delights of being in Lumberton was the pleasure of seeing and talking with Mr. C. B. Skipper, who is remembered so pleasantly in Scotland Neck. He lived here seven months some five or six years ago and he and his good wife have all the while held a warm place in the esteem of Scotland Neck people. Mr. Skipper made inquiries concerning his host of friends here, and they in turn will be glad to learn that he is prosperous, happy and jolly as ever. He is the same clever gentleman that he was in Scotland Neck. We are under lasting obligations for his many courtesies to us while in Lumberton.

We cannot mention the names of all the good people who were clever to us on the trip, but it was a peculiar pleasure to meet Senator McIntyre in his office, with his genial and whole-souled partner, Mr. E. K. Proctor. Senator McIntyre has served Robeson in the Legislature for several terms and the State has had no better, more faithful or abler servant in that body.

It was particularly pleasant to meet our long-time subscriber, Mr. W. J. Prevatt, who is one of the leading and popular business men of Lumberton.

Hon. C. M. McLean, of Elizabethtown, the able Solicitor of that district, was an interested visitor at the commencement exercises of Bladenboro High School. He is quite clever and agreeable and it was indeed a pleasure to form his acquaintance. He is a terror to evil doers and renders the State good service in the faithful and efficient discharge of the duties of his office.

Rev. Mr. Hedgepeth, of Lumberton, pastor of the Baptist church near Bladenboro, attended the commencement and conducted the religious exercises on Wednesday. He is popular in the community, and all speak well of him.

The wide-awake chief of police of Lumberton sees to it that the law against loafers is executed. Neither they nor other people are allowed to gather on the corners or other places on the streets and remain congregated to the discomfort or inconvenience of the public. They are soon told to "move on."

Lumberton is perhaps the best newspapered town of its size in the State. It has two semi-weekly papers, the Robesonian and the Argus; and they both seem to be doing good business. For the moment we had to peep in on each of the editors we observed that they are well equipped and their offices presented an air of progress and live business.

Our two nights in Lumberton were spent in the National Hotel, and we were treated with kind considerations.

Want of space forbids further observations on our trip this week. We may write more of it for a future issue.

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